



Sunday June 22, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
of BELLA VISTA**

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Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer,  
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## WELCOME DESK

Gail Winsor

## HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

## USHERS/GREETERS

Dan Dovell, Daniel Johnson, Nancy Ortman, Buddy Needham, Sharon Warner

## COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #2  
Barry & Maura Owen

## AUDIO/VISUAL

Tom Hackleman,  
Steve Little, Jim Watson

# A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

*An asterisk (\*) indicates that those who are able may stand;  
**Bold type** — please respond in unison.*

## WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME

PRELUDE                      *“My Lord and God”*                      James Southbridge

CALL TO WORSHIP                      (based on Psalm 42)

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

**Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?  
**Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our God.**

\*HYMN #697                      *“Take My Life”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

In the prophet Isaiah, God declares a readiness to be sought out, even by those who did not ask, and a willingness to be found, even by those who do not seek. With confidence in God’s readiness to receive us however we are, let us boldly pray this prayer of confession.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Galatians 3)

In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please take this opportunity to share the sign of “peace”.)*

## \*GLORIA PATRI #581

## WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Galatians 3:23-29*

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalms 22:25-30*

- <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- <sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**
- <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- <sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**
- <sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him  
shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
- <sup>30</sup> **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD.**

## ANTHEM

*“Hallelujah By and By”*

Stan Pethel

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 6:27-35*

- <sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.
- <sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God revealed in fire, earthquake, and silence, reveal yourself to us now in the reading of your holy Word. Amen.

## SERMON

*"The Golden Rule(s)"*

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN #688

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from The Book of Order, F-1.0301)

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world: The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please fill out a prayer card or speak directly into the microphone*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

After being healed of his affliction, Jesus told the man possessed by demons to return home and declare how much God has done for him. As a grateful testimony of what God has done for us, let us return a portion of our treasures.

OFFERTORY      *"Consecrated Lord to Thee"*      D.E. Wagner

\*DOXOLOGY #606      *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, may these gifts empower our witness to your work in the world. Amen.

## WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

### INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #772

*“Live Into Hope”*

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

With one voice, we go.

With one Spirit, we are called.

Let us, with one God, be encouraged in faith.

\*GOING FORTH #720

*“Jesus Calls Us”* (v1)

\*POSTLUDE

*“Fantasy on When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

Dan Edwards





# Weekly Vista

## WELCOME!

*We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.*

Please visit [www.pcbv.org](http://www.pcbv.org), or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

## OFFICE HOURS

MON- THURS:  
9 am to 3 pm  
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 479-403-9082.

Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at [jmcmillan@pcbv.org](mailto:jmcmillan@pcbv.org) stating your need.

**Deacons on Call for June:**  
Sharon Judson  
Pat Slatton

**6/15/2025 Attendance:**  
Members & Friends: 83 Visitors: 5  
Online: 22



**You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.**

### Shepherd Group # 3

**Join us for lunch at 11:30am this Weds., June 25th at Rosita's Restaurant (1889 Bella Vista Way). Please let us know if you can attend.**  
Nancy Ortman and Buddy Needham

Next Game Night is tomorrow, June 23rd hosted by Shepherd Group # 5 from **4-6pm** in Fellowship Hall

For those who want to come, but need a ride. There is a sign-up sheet in connector hallway. Please sign-up and we will arrange a ride for you.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 22

9:00am Christian Ed Class  
10:00am Worship/11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

### Monday, June 23

4-6pm Shepherd Game Night

### Tuesday, June 24

9:30 -10:30am—Spiritual Life (A)  
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

### Wednesday, June 25

6:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, June 26

10-11am—PEO Meeting (C)

### Friday, June 27

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

### Saturday, June 28

NO EVENTS

### Sunday, June 29

9:00am Christian Ed Class  
10:00am Worship  
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

## **Session Highlights from the June Meeting:**

1. Judi reported on the Presbytery Meeting at Ferncliff as Moderator. We dedicated Evergreen Hall and the summer staff at worship at Ferncliff. Presbytery heard from many of the committees who are working on new ministries of care. You can read all about Presbytery on the website, [presbyark.org](http://presbyark.org) by using the tab “News and Events” for the latest newsletter.

2. The Session Elders have completed three of the five Boundary Training Videos as required by the Book of Order. We have discussed Shepherding, Crafting a Leadership Covenant and we recently watched and learned about Triangulation in the church. You may see a copy of our 2025 covenant in the session minutes, which are printed out in the office.

3. Session received word several months ago from Laura Vits that her parents, Marilyn and Lou Vits, were gifting money from their estate to the church. I spoke with Laura about some projects that were not budgeted and a small team from session formed to discuss those options. Session voted to improve the office area and name it “The Gathering Space.” Session also voted to designate these funds from their estate to remodel that area. The closet will be turned into a dry coffee/tea bar for use. The area will have fresh paint and new furnishings and artwork. Everyone, we hope, will use the space for gathering around small conversation tables, and have time to fellowship after events in the church.

Following each session meeting, I will offer three highlights. As always, if you have questions, please ask the session!

We are taking July off and will resume our session meetings in August.

Peace and love,  
Pastor Judi

Due to Staff vacations and no meetings in July.

**Office hours will be 9-1pm**

Pastor Judi's schedule is:

June 26-July 12th—pastor study @ Ring Lake and vacation.

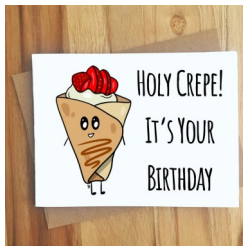
July 13th-17th she will be in the office

July 18-August 2nd— pastor study @ Chatauqua and vacation.

Ann will be on vacation July 18th—August 2nd.

Please have anything for the July 20th, 27th and August 3rd bulletins or check requests to Ann by July 14th. Thank you.

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, June 27, 11:30, at Crepes Paulette, 100 SW 8th St., Bentonville (479-250-1110). It doesn't have to be your birthday month, just come and enjoy good food, friends and fellowship. Sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are going. Thank you.



We are going to start collecting Essential Items for Essential Outreach. There are collection bins in Connector Hallway. Thank you in advance for donations.



10 Essential Items can go a long way to keep a family healthy. We collaborate with communities outside of the NWA corridor to provide these health and hygiene items to families in need. Items are all Family Size

***What are the "Essential" Items?***

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| <b>1. Shampoo</b>        | <b>6. Toothbrushes</b>      |
| <b>2. Bar Soap</b>       | <b>7. Laundry Detergent</b> |
| <b>3. Razors</b>         | <b>8. Deodorant</b>         |
| <b>4. Toilet paper</b>   | <b>9. Hand Soap</b>         |
| <b>5. Dish Detergent</b> | <b>10. Toothpaste</b>       |

***Mission:*** "Essentials Outreach works to collaborate with communities outside of the NWA corridor to assist those in need. Our goal is to provide essential items which otherwise may be unattainable for those living at or near poverty."